

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ZACKARIAH HUFFMAN,

Appellant,

vs.

STATE OF ALASKA,

Appellee.

Trial Court Case No. 3DI-18-00356CR

) Court of Appeals No. A-13539

RESPONSE TO JUNE 25, 2020 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

VRA CERTIFICATION

I certify that this document and its attachments do not contain (1) the name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) a residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address used to identify the place of the crime or it is an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court. I further certify that the type font used is Times New Roman 13.

Hannah Thorssin-Bahri, trial court counsel for Zackariah Huffman, hereby responds to the Court's June 25, 2020 Order requiring her to show cause why she should not be fined an additional \$100.00 for failing to pay the \$50.00 fine (ordered by this Court on June 1, 2020) by June 16, 2020.

In October 2019, the undersigned contacted the case assignment section for the Office of Public Advocacy informing them that Mr. Huffman wished to file a merit appeal in the trial case. The Office of Public Advocacy responded, stating that the undersigned had to file the appeal and then send the opening documents to the Office of Public Advocacy's case assignment general email. The undersigned filed the opening documents but now recognizes that she failed to take the additional step of forwarding the documents to the case assignment email. Once the undersigned filed the opening documents, it was

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2 the undersigned's belief that the case would be reassigned by the Office of
3 Public Advocacy. Therefore, the March 2020 order from the Court of Appeals,
4 sent via regular mail, was likely received by Thorssin Law but no action was
5 taken on it based on the undersigned's erroneous belief. The undersigned has
6 no independent recollection of reviewing the order.
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9 In April 2020, the undersigned started working as an in-house attorney for
10 the Office of Public Advocacy. The undersigned sent a list of cases worked on
11 as a contract attorney to the Office of Public Advocacy prior to starting
12 employment with the State. This case was included in that list. It was the
13 undersigned's mistaken belief that she did not need to file the opening brief or
14 file a motion to extend the deadline for filing.
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17 The undersigned understands that it was the undersigned's obligation to
18 more closely monitor the case and the transfer of the appellate case to new
19 counsel. The undersigned further understands that she should have more
20 closely monitored her previous work email even after starting work for the Office
21 of Public Advocacy. The undersigned will send a check in the amount of \$50.00
22 to pay the fine ordered by this Court on June 1, 2020.
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24 DATED at Anchorage, Alaska on June 30, 2020.

25 This is to certify that on June 30, 2020 a copy of the
26 foregoing, together with all its referenced
27 attachments, is being e-mailed to:

28 Donald Soderstrom
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by HTB

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By

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**AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSE TO JUNE 25, 2020
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STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ss.

I, Hannah Thorssin-Bahri, swear, depose and state:

1. I represented Zackariah Huffman in 3DI-18-00356CR.
2. Everything asserted in the attached response is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Further your affiant sayeth naught.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on June 30th, 2020.



Notary Public in and for Alaska
My commission expires: w/office